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Sir:

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Applicant submits herewith the following Information Disclosure Statement in accordance with
the provisions of 37 C.F.R. §1.97 and 1.98.

I. U.S. PATENTS

<u>U.S. PATENT NO.</u>	<u>TITLE</u>	<u>ISSUE DATE</u>
3,657,744 to Ersek	Method For Fixing Prosthetic Implants in a Living Body	April 25, 1972
4,300,244 to Bokros	Cardiovascular Grafts	November 17, 1981

<u>U.S. PATENT NO.</u>	<u>TITLE</u>	<u>ISSUE DATE</u>
4,409,172 to Ward, Jr. et al.	Device and Method For Fabricating Multi-Layer Tubing Using a Freely Suspended Mandrel	October 11, 1983
4,732,152 to Wallsten et al.	Device For Implantation And a Method of Implantation in a Vessel Using Such Device	March 22, 1988
4,969,458 to Wiktor	Intracoronary Stent and Method of Simultaneous Angioplasty and Stent Implant	November 13, 1990
5,078,726 to Kreamer	Graft Stent And Method of Repairing Blood Vessels	January 7, 1992
5,123,917 to Lee	Expandable Intraluminal Vascular Graft	June 23, 1992
5,282,824 to Gianturco	Percutaneous Stent Assembly	February 1, 1994
5,330,500 to Song	Self-Expanding Endovascular Stent With Silicone Coating	July 19, 1994
5,366,504 to Andersen et al.	Tubular Medical Prosthesis	November 22, 1994
5,383,926 to Lock et al.	Re-expandable Endoprosthesis	January 24, 1995
5,387,235 to Chuter	Expandable Transluminal Graft Prosthesis For Repair of Aneurysm	February 7, 1995
5,389,106 to Tower	Impermeable Expandable Intravascular Stent	February 14, 1995
5,456,713 to Chuter	Expandable Transluminal Graft Prosthesis For Repairs of Aneurysm And Method For Implanting	October 10, 1995
5,507,769 to Marin et al.	Method and Apparatus For Forming an Endoluminal Bifurcated Graft	April 16, 1996

<u>U.S. PATENT NO.</u>	<u>TITLE</u>	<u>ISSUE DATE</u>
5,507,771 to Gianturco	Stent Assembly	April 16, 1996
5,522,881 to Lentz	Implantable Tubular Prosthesis Having Integral Cuffs	June 4, 1996
5,562,726 to Chuter	Expandable Transluminal Graft Prosthesis For Repair of Aneurysm And Method For Implanting	October 8, 1996
5,618,299 to Khosravi et al.	Ratcheting Stent	April 8, 1997
5,665,117 to Rhodes	Endovascular Prosthesis With Improved Sealing Means For Aneurysmal Arterial Disease and Method of Use	September 9, 1997
5,735,892 to Myers et al.	Intraluminal Stent Graft	April 7, 1998
5,797,951 to Mueller	Expandable Support Member	August 1995
5,824,038 to Wall	Angioplasty Stent	December 1997
5,824,054 to Khosravi et al.	Coiled Sheet Graft Stent and Methods of Making and Use	March 1997
5,843,166 to Lentz et al.	Composite Graft-Stent Having Pockets For Accommodating Movement	December 1, 1997
6,010,529 to Herweck et al.	Expandable Shielded Vessel Support	January 4, 2000
6,270,523 to Herweck et al.	Expandable Shielded Vessel Support	August 7, 2001

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<u>Publication No.</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Publication Date</u>
WO 95/02377	Selectively Expandable, Retractable and Removable Stent	January 26, 1995
WO 95/05132	An Intraluminal Stent Graft	February 23, 1995
WO 95/29647	Stent with Collagen	November 9, 1995
WO 96/00103	Radially Expandable Polytetrafluoroethylene and Expandable Endovascular Stents Formed Therewith	January 4, 1996
WO 96/10967	Intraluminal Graft And Method For Insertion Thereof	April 18, 1996
WO 96/22745	Percutaneous Stent-Graft And Method For Delivery Thereof	August 1, 1996
WO 96/28115	Endoluminal Encapsulated Stent And Methods of Manufacture and Endoluminal Delivery	September 19, 1996
WO 96/33672	Dual Supported Intraluminal Graft	October 31, 1996
WO 96/35577	Radially Expandable Vascular Graft With Resistance to Longitudinal Compression and Method of Making Same	November 14, 1996

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<u>Publication No.</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Publication Date</u>
SU 1457 921	Self-fixing Blood Vessel Prosthesis With Additional Fastening Element of Similar Form to Basic Fastening Element, Positioned Outside Casing	February 15, 1989
DE 3902364	Endoprosthesis Enlarging Restricted Blood Vessel Catheter With Attached Inflatable Balloon	August 10, 1989

<u>Publication No.</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Publication Date</u>
EPO 0 657 147	Non-migrating Vascular Prosthesis and Minimally Invasive Placement System Therefor	June 14, 1995
EPO 0 689 805	Bistable Luminal Graft Endoprosthesis	January 3, 1996
EPO 0 737 453	Intraluminal Stent	October 16, 1996

NON-PATENT DOCUMENTS

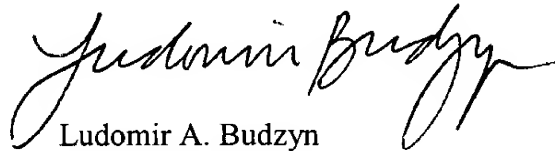
Lawrence, Jr. D.D., Charnsangavej, C., Wright, K.C., Gianturco, C., and Wallace, S., Percutaneous Endovascular Graft: Experimental Evaluation. Radiology 1986; 163:357-360.

The above-referenced documents are listed on PTO Form 1449. We have enclosed the cited documents to facilitate reference to them.

With the exception of SU 1457921 and DE 3902364, the cited references are in English. As for the relevancy of the Soviet and German references, both of these references disclose expandable stent-grafts. Also, English-language abstracts for both references are provided.

Should the Examiner have any questions or comments concerning this matter, the Examiner is respectfully invited to contact the undersigned attorney at the telephone number set forth below.

Respectfully submitted,

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